BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2007-229-E - ORDER NO. 2007-572

AUGUST 23, 2007

IN RE: Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas

ORDER GRANTING

Company for Adjustments and Increases in Its)

ADMISSION PRO HAC

Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs.

VICE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of E. Wade Mullins, III, Esquire, on behalf of CMC Steel – South Carolina (CMC), for Admission of Damon E. Xenopoulos, Esquire, to practice before the Commission *pro hac vice*. Mr. Mullins petitions for Damon E. Xenopoulos to appear before the Commission as counsel for CMC in the present docket regarding the application of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for adjustments and increases in the company's electric rate schedules and tariff.

Mr. Xenopoulos is a member of the law firm of Brickfield, Burchette, Ritts & Stone, PC, located at 1025 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, 8th Floor West, Washington, DC, and is a member in good standing of the bar of the District of Columbia, according to Mr. Xenopoulos' application for admission *pro hac vice*. Additionally, Mr. Xenopoulos has included affirmation that he will comply with the applicable statutes, laws, and rules of the State of South Carolina, that he is familiar with and will comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, and that he will submit to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

Local counsel of record associated with Mr. Xenopoulos are E. Wade Mullins, III and William D. Britt, Jr. of the law firm of Bruner, Powell, Robbins, Wall & Mullins, LLC, 1735 St. Julian Place, Suite 200, Columbia, South Carolina.

It appears to this Commission that the proper *pro hac vice* application of Damon E. Xenopoulos has been filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court and that the necessary affirmation has been made. The Deputy Clerk for Bar Admissions has certified receipt of the filing and that the filing fee has been paid. We believe that Mr. Xenopoulos meets the qualifications for admission to practice before the Commission in Docket No. 2007-229-E *pro hac vice* and that he should be so admitted.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Damon E. Xenopoulos, Esquire, is a member in good standing of the bar of the District of Columbia and through Motion of local counsel, E. Wade Mullins, III, has moved for *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Commission in Docket No. 2007-229-E.
- 2. Proper application has been filed, the filing fee has been paid, and the necessary affirmation has been made, as required by SCACR 404.
 - 3. Mr. Xenopoulos has associated South Carolina counsel.
- 4. The Motion for *pro hac vice* admission in this proceeding should be granted.

<u>ORDER</u>

The Motion of E. Wade Mullins, III, Esquire, for *pro hac vice* admission of Damon E. Xenopoulos, Esquire, to practice before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina in Docket No. 2007-229-E is granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

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ATTEST:

C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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